

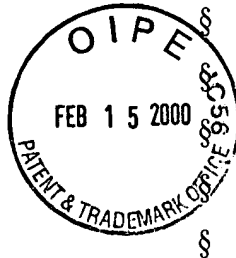
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Bahrs et al.**

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For: **Method and Apparatus in a Data Processing System for Systematically Separating Application Graphical User Interface Component Placement From Component Sequencing And Component Creation**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 13, line 4, after "**Figures 9A-**", delete "**9C**" and insert - - **9E** - -;

Page 14, line 4, after "**Figures 17A-**", delete "**17D**" and insert - - **17E** - -;

Page 14, line 8, after "**Figures**", delete "**17E-17H**" and insert - - **17F-17I** - -;